

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action transmitted March 27, 2007 (the "Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16 and 18-21 were pending. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3- 4, 6-9, 11, 13-16 and 18-21 and objects to Claims 5 and 12. Applicants amend Claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 16 and 21, cancel Claims 5 and 12 and add new Claims 22-25. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 16, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,573,883 issued to Bartlett ("*Bartlett*"). The Office Action rejects Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bartlett* in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0178995 to Sterling ("*Sterling*"). The Office Action rejects Claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bartlett* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,564,144 issued to Cherveny ("*Cherveny*") and U.S. Patent No. 5,766,015 issued to Shpiro ("*Shpiro*"). The Office Action rejects Claims 8, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bartlett* in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0190947 to Feinstein ("*Feinstein*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 5 and 12 are allowable. Applicants also note the indication in the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 that Claims 5 and 12 as originally filed in the Application were allowable. Applicants have thus amended independent Claims 1 and 9 such that they recite the elements recited in original dependent Claims 5 and 12. Applicants have also amended Claims 16 and 21 to recite similar elements. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 9, 16 and 21 are allowable over the cited art used in the rejections and request withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and of those claims depending therefrom.

New Claims

Applicants add new Claims 22-25 which are fully supported by the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that these new claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as those claims from which these new claims depend.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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